

## ANATHEMA MARANATHA

1 Cor. 16:21-24

**1 Cor 16:21** Paul dictated letters to secretary. Paul nearly blind (thorn in the flesh).

To authenticate letters -- sign them off with brief salutation with own hand.

Gal 6:11; 2 Thess 3:17; Col 4:18

Paul tries to remind them of grace of Lord Jesus Christ.

Spirit of God brings to his mind that there are people in church of Corinth who really don't care ...continue to spread ugliness and dissension.

**1 Cor 16:22** What is main issue?" Loving Lord Jesus!

*Barnes: It is implied that there was danger, in their disputes and strifes about minor matters, of neglecting the love of the Lord Jesus, or of substituting attachment to a party in the place of that love to the Saviour which alone could be connected with eternal life.*

**Love:** phileo – friendship; affectionate

**Anathema:** religious ban or excommunicated; accursed. Under divine curse of God.

**Let him:** allow him. His choice ...consequences.

*Barnes: It expresses what ought to be done; it expresses a truth in regard to God's dealings, not the desire of the apostle. 1 Pet 3:1-4*

**Love:** Phileo. To be a friend..fond of ..have affection for...personally attached to; Step lower in commitment to agape love.

*Lenski: Whoever lacks even this lowest, cheapest type of love is, of course, hopeless. If we lack even this affection toward Christ, our hearts are cold and dead indeed...Paul turns all those who have not even affection for the Lord and are not willing to show this lowest form of love for him in their thought, and their action, over to the judgment, not of a human, but of the divine tribunal. Paul has not been writing about slight matters. They ultimately involve the divine judgment. John 21:15-17*

To *phileo* God--to cherish Him... be tender toward Him.. desire to please Him. Deut 6:4-

5 Psa 31:23 Matt 22:37 Josh 23:11

**Maranatha.** Our Lord has come. Exclamation of approaching divine judgment

These individuals do not love Lord, let them be under divine curse of God.

Let them answer to God concerning their lack of love toward Him...let it happen soon.

Come Lord!

Mac: *I believe that in this context maranatha, an Aramaic term meaning "Our Lord, come," is Paul's appeal for the Lord to come and take away those who are accursed, the **nominal, false Christians** who are always such a great threat to the true church. ...we get a glimpse of the heart beat of Paul One of the desires of the early church...and of Paul was that Jesus would come back soon. In fact, it was understood that He could come back at any moment. 1 Thess 4:16-17; James 5:7-8*

**1 Cor 16:23** I desire to see in your church a manifestation of grace

Victory over sin-Rom 5:20

Effective prayer-Heb 4:16

Power of God-Acts 4:33

Effective ministry-1 Cor 15:9-10

How get it? James 4:6 *Humble*: low, small, slight, aware of one's defects or shortcomings, abased; modest or humble in mind; absent of pride or self-assertiveness.

**1 Cor 16:24** *Love*: agape, total-giving, sacrificial love.

*... with you all.* Even toward them who consider themselves His enemies.

*Also, In Christ Jesus: This supernatural love toward you is only true because of God's enablement. As I am yielded to the Lord Jesus Christ, He, in turn, manifests in and through me this love.*

**SO WHAT?**

If don't love the Lord Jesus Christ, Anathema, Maranatha.

Go ahead in your defiance or ignorance and suffer the divine curse upon your life.

Come soon, Lord Jesus.

Experience the supernatural power and the energizing energy to do the will of God...first requirement is humility.

*Amen*: that's right...this is true